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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of the principles outlined in Dan Kegel's Open Letter to the DOJ, concerning the Microsoft Settlement. By way of providing a specific reason behind my support, I would argue that there are a number of applications in the realm of image processing and Geographic Information Systems that are being hurt by Microsoft's refusal to release its API's in a manner consistent with other software developers. This secrecy results in applications that, though powerful overall, are given to instability, resulting in lost time and work.

Sincerely,  
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The first principle is that you must not fool yourself - and you are the easiest person to fool.

-Richard Feynman

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